

Remarks

Claims 7-9, 11-15, 17, 21 and 43-59 were pending. Due to the restriction requirement, claims 51-58 are cancelled without prejudice to prosecution in a future application. No claims were added. Therefore, claims 7-9, 11-15, 17, 21 and 43-50 are now pending.

The claims of the present invention have been further divided into two groups: Group I (claim 47) and Group II (claim 49). Applicants elect Group II (claim 49), and SEQ ID NOS: 22 and 23, with traverse.


Applicants disagree that restriction is appropriate here, as the restricted sequences are particular examples of the invention. If the subject matter of the claims from which claims 47 and 49 are found to be allowable (such as claims 7, 44, and/or 48), then the subject matter of claims 47 and 49 should also be allowable. As the examiner has already searched the subject matter of independent claim 7, there is no undue burden to also search claims 47 and 48. Applicants therefore request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, or at least changed to a species election.

If there are any minor issues to be resolved before a Notice of Allowance is granted, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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